



MARYSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT MONTHLY

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KIDWIND AWARD

Christie Ryba, Liberty Elementary Teacher, took a group of 5th grade students to participate in the "KidWind Challenge". The KidWind Challenge is the ultimate wind energy learning experience for students sponsored by the P.U.D. and the Bonneville Environmental Foundation. Students around the country explore wind energy through hands-on, investigative, and an exciting KidWind Challenge. When students participate in a KidWind Challenge they: Discover the promise and limitations of wind energy technology; Design, build, and test a functional creative wind turbine; Compete with their peers in a supportive environment.

Read more about this exciting event from Ms. Ryba: *On March 8th I was able to take a team of 5th grade students to the KidWind Challenge at Brier Elementary School. This event is sponsored by the PUD and The Bonneville Environmental Foundation. We competed against 8 Middle school teams from as far away as Anacortes and Centralia schools. Team S.A.S. Serious.About.Science. were awarded a trophy for Judges Choice for team work and problem solving. The kids spent most of February and the entire first week of March meeting after school designing and engineering turbine blades to turn wind into energy. There were 9 students participating in the challenge and 7 of them were able to attend the event in Brier. Families came and cheered on their students. The event consisted of an open*

testing hour where teams could test out different designs in the 48 inch wind tunnel. Then each team went one-by-one into judging. In judging two judges asked the team questions about their process and the engineering of our finished turbine. Coaches, parents, and teachers were not allowed into the judging room. The students had to do it all on their own. After judging the students ran three separate tests in the wind tunnel, making small adjustments in between to measure 11,000 megawatts. Two middle school teams were selected to go to Nationals in Texas and our team won the trophy which was essentially the top prize for Elementary. It was an amazing experience for the kids and their first competition that measured academics.

Congratulations, Ms. Ryba and students!



GIRLS OF PROMISE



Soroptimist Club of Marysville and the YMCA partner together with the Marysville School District to bring together "Girls of Promise". These students have been working hard to raise awareness and support for people in need of clean water. They met their goal to raise \$1,000. The girls participated in the WE Day celebration in Seattle on 4/18/19.

KEY DATES

April - May Testing and Assessment Season

April 20: Easter Egg Hunt , 10 am - 11 am, Jennings Park

April 22 - 26: Administrative Professionals (Secretaries) Week

April 24: Trade Up and Touch a Truck @ MPHS (for High School students)

April 26: Black Student Union Family Gathering, 6:00 pm, YMCA

April 27: Earth Day Event Jennings Park, 11:00am - 2:00 pm. Come visit our table!

April 25 - May 4: Disney's Beauty and the Beast @ MPHS

April 30: Navy STEM Parent Night

FACILITY UPDATE

Mike Sullivan, Executive Director of Finance and Operations, provided an update to the Board of Directors at their April 15 meeting about the upcoming plans for school facilities. He shared that carpenters will start working on portable classrooms district-wide to prepare them for summer work projects. The work will include residing, repainting, and roofing on various portables at school sites around the District.

The Grounds department is weeding and adding bark to the flower beds at our school sites as part of spring clean up. Our District plumbers are installing water bottle filling stations at Marysville Getchell High School. Students raised the funds to purchase as part of raising awareness and conservation efforts, for example; the use of plastic bottles and their effect on the environment.

During the summer, a new fire system will be installed at Shoultes Elementary, siding will be repaired at Cedarcrest Middle School and Marysville Pilchuck High School, setting up a new portable classroom at ECEAP and the Marysville Tulalip Campus, and repairing the roof at Totem Middle School.

The District's Facilities, Maintenance, and Grounds staff are working hard to make certain that our school and District facilities are maintained and well-kept despite their age and condition. Some of our older facilities (Liberty and Cascade Elementary Schools) for example, were built in the 1950's. Replacing parts to boilers and other mechanical systems is challenging as the parts are becoming obsolete. Our staff are doing their best to keep everything in good working order despite some of those challenges. Marysville Pilchuck High School was hit especially hard by the severe winter storm with snow and freezing temperatures. Repairs were needed to some of the soffets that were damaged

Great work across the District by our Facilities, Maintenance, Engineering, and Grounds teams!

DISTRICT COMMITTEES - UPDATE

The Marysville School District committee work is in full swing. The following committees have either started, are starting soon in the District:

- **Enrollment and Demographics:** The Enrollment and Demographics committee held their first meeting in March. The committee, comprised of parents, community members, staff and students, is studying the enrollment and demographic trends across the District. The committee will focus on creating equitable learning opportunities for students across district schools. The committee will make a recommendation to the Superintendent and the Board of Directors regarding the geographical boundaries of elementary and middle school feeder patterns into the two comprehensive high schools. This recommendation will include a demographic profile of each proposed school boundary.
- **Equity and Diversity:** The Equity and Diversity Committee kicked off their work with a full day retreat session on April 20. The District believes in and is committed to creating safe, caring, mutually respectful environments where all students are honored and valued for their diverse backgrounds, unique strengths, and diverse abilities. We affirm in our actions each student can, will, and shall learn in a system where educational equity is foundational to all we do. Educational equity exists in a system when there is an intentional allocation of resources, instruction, and opportunities according to need and the system recognizes and values the unique contributions of every individual. The committee work will include the development of equity policy and procedure.
- **Facilities Committee:** The Facility Committee will assess the needs of the District's facilities and shape a potential bond or capital levy measure for 2020. Committee members will hear reports on the state of current facilities, learn about current and future bond rates, and review facility needs district-wide. The committee is scheduled to meet 3 times, April – June, with the possibility of beginning earlier one evening for a facility bus tour. Meetings will then resume following the summer break.

All Marysville School District committee meetings are open to the public. For more information or to follow along with the work go to

<http://www.msd25.org/volunteer-committees>

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GRADUATION

Graduation dates and times for
the CLASS of 2019:

**Marysville Pilchuck
High School**

June 12, 4:00 PM

Angel of the Winds Arena

**Marysville Getchell
High School**

June 12, 7:30 PM

Angel of the Winds Arena

**Mountain View Art and
Technology High School**

June 13, 4:30 PM

Francis Sheldon Gym

Tulalip Heritage High School

June 13, 7:00 PM

Francis Sheldon Gym



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MAY 17 | 5:00 - 8:00PM

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All are welcome to share your culture:
Dance, Song, Poem, Games, Crafts, Food, Music, Other talents!

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